

## **CENTRAL PARK**

Bounded by Central Park South, Fifth Avenue, Central Park West, and 110th Street, New York Manhattan without Central Park would be unthinkable. This huge green space, first conceived by farsighted city fathers in the 1840s, has become an ever more appreciated and vital urban amenity over the years. Planned by the winning team of Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, it was the first large-scale public park in the nation designed and constructed according to a well-developed concept, that of a forest in the city. The basic framework of the park survives remarkably unchanged, even though it now accommodates people, pets, and traffic in numbers that its founders could scarcely have imagined.